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Applicant: Vining et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2163  
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Title: System and method for removing )  
rules from a data administration )  
system )

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The applicant respectfully submits the following comments in response to the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The applicant submits that there are alternative bases for the allowability of the claims, which are not stated by the examiner. Also, the applicant does not necessarily agree with the examiner's wording concerning the claims, because the examiner has imprecisely paraphrased the claims rather than using the exact wording of the claims, and because the examiner has grouped together claims that have different wording and limitations. For example, claim 12 does not include the word "timestamp".

Respectfully submitted,

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